

Butte Record (Bidwell) 26 April 1856

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY Virtue of an Execution issued out of a Justices Court, John Jones Justice of the Peace in and for Ophir Township, Butte County and State of California, to me directed and delivered, Commanding me to make the sum of fifty-six dollars debt and the sum of nineteen thirty-five one hundredth dollars, costs of suit with the accruing costs, wherein J. M. Brock is plaintiff, and John Ellertt is the defendant, I have seized and levied upon and will sell at public sale on the 28th day of April A. D. 1856, the following described property, to wit: All of the above named defendants right title and interest in and to one frame Building, situated on the rear end of a lot fronting on Myers street, in town of Oroville. Said Building being about 6 by 20 feet on the ground and one story high and formerly occupied by John Ellertt as a dwelling House.

Sale to take place at the Court House door in Bidwell. between the hours prescribed by Law. Terms Cash

P. FREER, Sheriff. Butte County.

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Note: Court house foreclosures were not transferred for six months unless the person had died. This gave the foreclosed on person a chance to pay off his debt and pay a fee to keep his property.

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WEEKLY BUTTE RECORD.

GEO: H. CROSETTE, Editor.

OROVILLE, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1856.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,

JAMES BUCHANAN,

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,

OF KENTUCKY.

WATER WORKS.—The water pipes have been laid down as far as the corner of Montgomery and Myers streets.

Mr. Garrott, the enterprising undertaker of this most important work, is pushing it forward with all possible dispatch.

Water! Water! is the cry when all is parched with heat, and when there is such great danger of fire. Mr. Garrott knows the wants of this community, and we trust this will prove a profitable investment. He has got the vim—the snap—the go-ahead! Success to him.

MINING BY STEAM.—Our friend, Jim Benson, always goes by steam. He, in company with several more, lately passed our office with a huge Engine Boiler and machinery, on their way to the Bar in front of town, where they propose to make that powerful element, steam, do the work of many men in pumping water, &c. &c.

MINING BELOW TOWN.—Squire Horton and a company of men, are at work 2 1-2 miles below this place at what is called the city of Bagdad. They have constructed a ditch leading from the waste water reservoir to the bank, and are going to work it extensively. From present prospects they will average about \$8 00 a day to the man.

What is the use of saying the bank of the river will *not* pay?

Mining Items.

MINING ON THE BAR.—The Bar opposite the city presents the most lively appearance we have seen for a long time. Fluming, wingdaming, and Chinamen washing with Rockers. The river bank is lined with busy miners, from the saw-mill *nearly two miles down stream.*

The Bank or Bar in front of the town has been worked, some of it several times, and still pays.

An immense amount of gold will no doubt be taken out again this fall, as great improvements are being introduced in the mode of mining.

MINING ON THE SOUTH FORK OF FEATHER RIVER.—For the information below we are indebted to the politeness of Gen. Pat Harris, who has just returned from a professional visit to that locality: From what we can learn, we should say that the string of Stringtown had been pulled in. It's gin out. But little is doing in the vicinity of Stringtown and Enterprise. On the bank above McCabe's Creek the miners are doing finely. Collett & Co. are taking out with five hands from \$700 to \$800 Dollars a week. About Moortown and Kanaka Peak, the diggings are of the best, but water at present is scarce.

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C. G. LINCOLN, Editor.

OROVILLE.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1856.

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S. E. HAMMOND is authorized to act as our Agent at Wyandotte.

LEVI SMITH, agent at Thompson's Flat.

LYNCHBURG.—We are gratified to notice that in this pretty village business, so long dormant, has taken quite a favorable turn. The recent discovery of deep diggings in its immediate vicinity; the large area of surface diggings with which it is surrounded, every inch of which is to some extent remunerative; its advantageous location, favorable to every domestic convenience; its well of pure water—all these have tended to attract permanent residents. Families have selected it, among whom (we speak advisedly) are some of the prettiest girls in the county, and these have congregated so much of late, that though impelled by the most laudable anxiety, we are unable to keep track of them. The village now presents quite a lively appearance, and we prophecy that when winter sets in, Lynchburg will become quite a formidable little rival. We congratulate those who have clung to her through reverses on the "good time coming."

MCWILLIAMS & TYMESON

BANKERS.

New Fire-Proof Brick Building,
CORNER OF MONTGOMERY AND MYERS STS.

OROVILLE.

GOLD DUST BOUGHT AT THE HIGHEST
RATES.

Checks at Par Drawn on
MARK BRUMAGIM & Co.,
MARYSVILLE.

ALSO, ON

DREXEL, SATHER & CHURCH,
Sacramento and
San Francisco.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE FOR SALE
ON

New York,
Boston,
Philadelphia,
Baltimore,
Cincinnati, Ohio,
St. Louis, Mo.,
Pittsburg, Pa.,
Louisville, Ky.,
Detroit, Mich.
London.

Drafts on Canada, Payable in

Montreal,	Toronto,	St. Catharines,
Quebec,	London,	Chatham.
Hamilton,	Brantford.	

General and Special DEPOSITS Received.

For the deposit of Notes and Valuable Papers, our house possesses peculiar advantages, being FIRE-PROOF. Merchants, Professional men, Miners, and all doing business can now place their property in the Treasure Vault, secure from fire, and beyond a contingency of a loss.

Tins or Boxes, containing valuables, taken on deposit on reasonable terms.

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Rakings and Scrapings.

Bricks are worth \$9.00 per hundred, and are laid in the wall by contract, in Oroville at \$17 per thousand.

Lime is sold at \$1.50 per hundred.

Lumber is selling at from \$40 to \$75 per thousand feet according to quality.

Hay is worth \$40 per ton. Barley from 3 to 3½ cts.

Neat cattle 12 cents on foot.

Beef raitails at 15 to 20 cents.

Pork 18 cents. Mutton 20 cents.

Bacon, (Cal) 30 cents. Imported, 27 cts.

Pork, 28 cents. Hams, 28 cents.

Flour, per hundred, \$3.50

Freight from Marysville, \$20 per ton.

MECHANICS WAGES.—Blacksmith's per month, from \$100 to \$150. Brick masons, \$125.

Carpenters, \$3 to \$4 per day.

Laborers from \$50 to \$75 per month.

MINERS.—Ordinary workmen above ground \$3 per day. Drifters, \$4; Chinamen, \$2.25.

The water works of Mr. Garrott, (we refer to the one that he supplies the town with) are in perfect order, and squirt like a charm.

Business of all kinds is in a flourishing condition.

AMUSEMENTS.—At present there is no regular theatrical company performing at the Metropolitan in this place.

Oroville boasts of two Theatres, but no church. The morals of the town are rather good considering this fact.

There are about sixty places where ardent spirits are retailed. Some of the brands, will beat Sharp's rifle, or any other instrument of death that has yet been invented.

There are six Billiard Saloons. They have in the aggregate 11 tables.

There are four houses where *ronda* is played. Four places where *lansquenette* is played.

There are three Faro banks in town, and four monte games. These houses are as a general thing, kept in a very quiet manner; a little muss occurs occasionally.

But little criminal business has been transacted the past week in our Justice court.

The subject of incorporating the town of Oroville, is freely discussed, and will no doubt be accomplished in the next three or four months.

The land titles that have caused so much trouble and litigation in our town, are about to be settled. Capt. Bird, who has been in possession of the 160 acres on which a portion of our city is located, will probably be again put in possession of disputed grounds that have been settled or squatted upon.

There are forty-six children attending school in this town, and about 175 running about the streets; ragged and saucy, that ought to be in better business.

There are three lumber yards; one saw-mill and three brick yards in this town.

There has, up to two months ago, been no houses of ill-fame in this town. There are now *but seven or eight*.

There are 22 lawyers, and 18 physicians in this town.

We have a Daguerrean gallery where beautiful pictures are taken.

We have three meat markets, and another in course of erection; all doing a good business.

There has been two deaths in this vicinity the week past.

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GEO: H CROSBY, Editor.

Orville, Saturday, September 20, 1856.

Removal of the County Seat.

There appears to be some considerable delay about the removal of the archives of the county from Bidwell to this place. The Board of Supervisors were down yesterday, on their second visit, for the purpose of accepting the Court House, and perfecting arrangements for a removal. But it appears that new difficulties arise at every step, and it is at present a matter of some uncertainty when a removal will be effected. The difficulty now is about the title to the square upon which the Court House is located. It appears that the parties claiming the land are willing to deed to the county one fourth of an acre of land upon which the Court House is situated, if the county will release to them the balance of the square. This the Board of Supervisors have declined doing, being desirous of securing to the county the block as it now stands, as it would destroy the location to decrease the size of the square, and surround the Court House with dwellings and offices. Thus the matter stands at present. How it will be settled we are unable to say. But it is quite probable that no removal will be effected unless all claims to the square are released in favor of the County. That this will be done, we sincerely trust. It was intended for that purpose—left vacant for that purpose—and it was with that understanding that our citizens have contributed to the erection of the Court House. It is a building which

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would be a credit to any county in the State, and has been built at a time when our citizens were pressed for means, and we hardly know how to speak of the grasping spirit which would now reduce the square surrounding it to one-fourth of an acre! There is plenty of room to leave it as it now is. The fair level ground stretches away for miles, and there is plenty of room for the accommodation of all. The Court House has been built with the understanding that the block was to be deeded to the County, and it should not now be decreased for the purpose of giving certain parties valuable corner lots, fronting upon a contemptibly small square, out of which would rise the magnificent Court House of Butte County, like a seventy-four gun ship in a goose pond. Land in the vicinity of the Court House has suddenly become valuable, and certain parties desire to make a speculation, by decreasing the square and procuring a title from the county, which is, doubtless, considered better than a mere squatters title.

It is necessary under these circumstances for our citizens to take some action in the matter. The land must be deeded to the county free from all claims, before the law will be complied with. If those claiming the land have a just and equitable title, it should be procured at once. We know not how the matter of title stands, but it seems to us, that question of title should have been settled before the building was commenced. As that was not done, it appears to us that those claiming the ground have a decided advantage, and should the county decline

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According to the proposition to curtail the proportions of the square, the building and all may revert to the claimants. If those who claim the land should prove a *bona fide* title, it is right and proper that they should be remunerated for the same, unless they consent to quit claim it to the county. It would be proper for our citizens to enter into a contract to pay a stipulated price for the land, providing those claiming it shall prove their title a valid one. Should we proceed without reference to those claiming the land and guarantee the title to the county, we should become responsible for the ultimate value of the land, whatever it might be, providing their title should be confirmed. We hope our citizens will take steps to settle the matter at once.

NEW BOOT & SHOE STORE.—Mr. T. Fogg has taken the new fire-proof brick building, next to the U. S. Hotel, and opened it as a wholesale and retail Boot and Shoe store.—This supplies a deficiency that we have long stood in need, and we assure our readers, that they can now supply themselves in that line, as cheap and as good an article, as at the cities below.

REMOVAL.—The Board of Supervisors are in session at Bidwell, preparing to remove the archives to this place, the future capitol of Butte county.

OUR FIRE POLICE.—A meeting of the fire Committee appointed by the citizens meeting on Wednesday night, was held at Miller's Exchange on Thursday evening, and the following business was transacted:

The Board organized by electing Lincoln, President; Bisset, Secretary; Miller, Treasurer; Bird, Collector.

Resolved, that the Collector shall have five dollars per day, for four days in the month for his services.

Bird, Miller, Bisset and Reis were appointed a committee to see that the stoves and stove pipes in each house in town are put up in a safe and proper manner, and also to request each householder to keep constantly in a convenient place, at least one barrel of water, to extinguish fires, and that the committee should publish in each paper in town the names of such persons who shall refuse to comply with any reasonable suggestion they may make in regard to securing their premises from fire.

Resolved, that it shall be the duty of the President to call a meeting of this committee whenever requested by two or more of its members.

Messrs. Sharkey, Jewett and Brown were elected Watchmen.

OROVILLE WATER WORKS.—This magnificent enterprize is doing more for our city, than any project that has been set on foot since the founding of Oroville.

We shall speak of this work at length and in accordance with its merits in a day or two.

STEAMER.—We learn by the Union that the Steamer Oroville, arrived at Sacramento on the 18th, from San Francisco, to which place she proceeded some four or five weeks since, to receive her machinery from the Vulcan Foundry. She was built at Marysville, and originally intended to ply between that City and Oroville. Her dimensions are 85 feet keel, and 15 feet 8 inches beam. She is provided with a fifty Horse Power high pressure engine, and draws, when light, eighteen inches.

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IMPROVEMENTS—It is astonishing to see with what rapidity brick buildings are going up in our midst, and we think it will not be many months before the biggest part of our town will be built up with substantial brick fire-proof buildings. But a few days ago, opposite our office stood a large wooden building, but now no vestige of it is left, but in its place we see the foundation for a large brick structure that would be an ornament to any city in the State. So it is throughout the city. The march of improvement and the busy hum of industry, greets us on every hand; and shortly we shall have the proud satisfaction of seeing Oroville the biggest city above Sacramento, in the State.

The richness of our mines are almost equal to the fabled gold stories of the Arabian Nights, and to tell the amount that is taken out daily, in some of the claims, near here, to people who are not familiar with mining, would be believed just about as much. We venture to say, that there is more gold taken out in this vicinity, than at any other place in California; and if people wish to see California as it was in the palmy days of '49 and '50, let them visit Oroville on a Saturday or Sunday, and see the miners that flock into town on those days; it is almost impossible to get through our streets.

When we get the Railroad and Telegraph complete, and are put in immediate connection with all the principle towns and cities in the State, and the supplies for all the vast mining regions of the north, flow in upon us, making this the terminus, we expect to see here, a proud and glorious city. Who shall write the future of Oroville.

OROVILLE POLICE.—At a meeting of the citizens of Oroville on Wednesday evening it was resolved to continue the Police regulations, which it is believed has done much to protect this city from fire. A committee was appointed whose duty it is to employ an efficient Police, and collect the necessary funds to pay them. This is as it should be, and we hope all will come up promptly with the subscriptions, and assist the committee to maintain an efficient night Police, until arrangements are perfected to incorporate the town. A little more care and watchfulness will carry us safely through the dry season, when it is believed that the danger will be somewhat lessened, by copious showers of rain.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.—The citizens of Oroville, held a meeting on Wednesday evening, to take into consideration the propriety of deeding the required amount of land upon which the county buildings are situated, to the county. This course was rendered necessary by the refusal of certain parties to deed the land as had been expected they would do. The result of their deliberations was a determination to give a deed to the county, guaranteeing the title thereto, against all persons, except the U. S. Government, and the claimants under Mexican grants, if any.

In pursuance of this determination, a deed was made out and numerously signed by our citizens, transferring the title to the county. It is understood that this deed will be acceptable to the Board of Supervisors, and that they will proceed to accept the buildings and order a removal immediately.

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INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN.

We see the honest miners have issued posters protesting against this measure; we would suggest to these individuals the propriety of attending to their own business, and letting other people's alone. If the citizens of this town see fit to form themselves into a municipal body, for their mutual advantage, we don't see how it can injure the miners outside the limits of the corporation, or how it can affect them directly or remotely. Our citizens who do not have claims, don't attempt to interfere in the making of miners' laws, and we don't see why miners who do not own property in this village should attempt to meddle with affairs exclusively our own.

But we do not believe that this circular ever originated with miners. We will lay a wager that it is the offspring of the gamblers. They know that if the town is incorporated their race is short in this place, and hence they all avail themselves of any ruse to defeat it. There may be a difference of opinion among our citizens as to the propriety of the step, they may think it injudicious at this time, and oppose it, which would be all right and proper, but we will not submit to the dictation of gamblers, nor of miners, in matters which they are not interested. We think we never saw a production quite so stupid as this circular. If

the miners of Gold Hill, Live Oak Flat or Robinson's Hill felt disposed to control the local and private affairs of this village, and prevent us from obtaining an act of incorporation, they would be wholly unable to do so, as the Supervisors are required to grant the petition when they are satisfied that a majority of those residing *within the limits of the proposed town* desire it. Depend upon it the miners never wrote that circular, nor do not endorse it; miners mind their own business.

GAMBLING.—Who are the feeders of the numerous gambling tables now in operation in town? We do not believe there are any old resident miners who are green enough to deposit their earnings in a monte or Faro bank! They have too well learned these thieving games in times past, and they would as soon throw their dust back into the river, whence it had been taken by months of hard labor, as to be caught laying it down on a gambling table. It is the new comer—the inexperienced in California gambling, who are the dupes of these swindlers. "Experience is a dear school, but fools will learn in no other." When the poor victims of gaming have toiled a few years to feed and clothe these light-fingered, wax-card drones, they will perhaps get their eyes open. Bring along your dust, boys! almost every Saloon in town is now a banking house, where you can make a *permanent* deposit of your earnings.

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OUR TOWN.—In the history of California, perhaps no town in the State, has sprung into existence and gained as large a population, as Oroville has, within so brief a period.

With all the natural advantages, and the vast extent and inexhaustible richness of our mines, she has attracted the attention of capitalists from below, and Oroville now stands, with scarcely a years growth, decidedly at the head of any mining town in California. We can count as many as five or six splendid fire-proof brick buildings already completed, with many more in the prospective. Those that are finished are occupied by splendid stocks of fine goods, of every description, and our friends of the North can no longer have an excuse for going to the lower cities for their goods, everything can be had here upon the most liberal terms. We have two fine and substantial Banking Houses here, both located in fire-proof buildings, where our miners can deposit their dust, and receive its equivalent in hard cash. We have a population, whose interests are mostly identified here, and who have the right kind of spirit, wherewith to make a town, that will be both a credit to themselves and the State.

We want a Railroad and Telegraph, and it seems strange to us, that some one has not taken the matter in hand, and put up a line of Telegraph between here and Marysville. The expense of building it, would be but trifling, compared with the benefits that would be derived from such an institution. It would certainly pay a handsome per cent on the money invested. When it would be extended on further North, connecting at Yreka with the Oregon line, already completed, we would know at a moments notice, all that is transpiring in that flourishing region. Who will make the start.

CHARLES H. HEDGES.

M. W. HANNON.

HEDGES & HANNON, BANKERS,

WASHINGTON BLOCK, CORNER OF MONTGOMERY
AND MYERS STREETS,

OROVILLE.

**GOLD DUST PURCHASED
AT THE HIGHEST RATES,
OR FORWARDED TO THE MINT FOR ASSAY OR
COINAGE.**

**CHECKS ON MARYSVILLE,
SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO.**

**Sight and Time Drafts Furnished on the
ATLANTIC STATES AND EUROPE.**

Oroville, Oct. 5, 1856.

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NEW BRICK BUILDING—CORNER MONTGOMERY
AND MYERS STREETS.

OROVILLE.

GOLD DUST BOUGHT

At the Highest Rates:

Checks at Par!
ON MARYSVILLE, SACRAMENTO CITY AND
SAN FRANCISCO.

SIGHT DRAFTS

For Sale, on all the Principal Atlantic Cities.

DEPOSITS received, Special and otherwise:
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE KEYSTONE MARKET,

ON MYERS STREET,

WILL OPEN THE FIRST OF THE COMING week. The under-signed having made arrangements with Samuel Neal for the best of Beef and other Meats, hopes that they will be furnished at all times at such fair market prices, that he will receive a fair share of patronage. HOAG & CO.

P. S.—Mr. S. Neal has built a large Slaughter House adjacent to Oroville, for the purpose of supplying all who may wish meats by the Carcass or Quarter; all of which shall be of the first quality. oc4-1f